

the peace, Somerset County, in office 1794 and 1801; judge, Somerset County, in office 1799. MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, Princess Anne Battalion, Somerset County Militia, commissioned 1781. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: presidential elector, 1796 (for John Adams). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £602.8.0, including 12 slaves and 18 oz. plate, 1783. ANNUAL INCOME: law fees for practice in Somerset County and Worcester County courts totaled £25.15.0 current money and 66,569 pounds of tobacco in 1785. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 555 acres in Somerset County (by deed of gift from his mother and brother). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: sold 300 acres in Somerset County between 1785 and 1803; owned 4 lots in Princess Anne, Somerset County, but he sold 2 of these lots and leased out 2 other lots, 1797–1829. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in October 1831 in Annapolis. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £659.0.0, including 3 slaves and 29 oz. plate, 1831. He sold several slaves to an unmarried daughter for \$300.00, 1827–1829; he sold many more slaves for \$4,000.00 in 1831.

DORSEY, EDWARD (?–1705). BORN: probably in Virginia; first son. IMMIGRATED: in 1649 as a minor with his parents and siblings from Virginia. RESIDED: in Anne Arundel County; Baltimore County, by 1700. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Edward Dorsey (?–1659), who immigrated to Virginia by 1642 from Middlesex, England, and settled in Lower Norfolk County; he was a Quaker by 1657. BROTHERS: *John Dorsey* (ca. 1645–1714/15); *Joshua* (?–1688); and probably *Samuel*. NEPHEW: *John Dorsey* (ca. 1682–?). MARRIED first, ca. 1670 Sarah, daughter of Nicholas Damaris Wyatt. MARRIED second, Margaret, daughter of John Larkin. She subsequently married John Isaac (or Israel). CHILDREN. SONS: Edward (?–died young); *Joshua*, who married *Ann*, daughter of *Henry Ridgely* (1669–1699/1700); *John*, who married *Honor Elder*; *Samuel*; *Nicholas*, who married *Frances Hughes*; *Benjamin*; *Larkin*; *Francis*; and *Edward*. DAUGHTERS: *Sarah*, who married *John Petticoate*; *Hannah*, who married *Joseph Howard* (1676–1736), son of *Cornelius Howard* (?–1680); and *Anne*, who married *John Hammond* (?–1755), son of *Charles Hammond* (ca. 1670–1713). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: recommended for a position on the Council in 1689 and 1696/97, but he was never commissioned; his sons held no public office higher than county justice. OCCUPATIONAL PRO-

FILE: planter; merchant; contractor. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1694–1697 (probably Laws 6), Baltimore County, 1701–1704 (Laws 2), 1704–1705 (Elections and Privileges, chairman 1; Aggrievances, chairman 2; died before the 4th session). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: judge, Court of Chancery, 1694–1696. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Anne Arundel County, 1679–1685, 1686–1689, Baltimore County, by 1701–1705. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1686–1687; major, 1687–1689, 1694–1702; colonel, by 1704–1705. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: his strong support of Lord Baltimore in 1689 brought his dismissal from his justiceship and militia commission after the overthrow of the proprietary government; he testified against the Protestant Associators in England, 1690; he was accused of being a Jacobite, 1692. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: over 1,000 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on December 31, 1705. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £721.9.8 sterling (including 13 slaves and 2 servants); FB, £573.8.11. LAND: over 1,247 acres.

DORSEY, EDWARD (1718–1760). BORN: in September 1718 in Anne Arundel County; sixth of eight sons. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: maintained a house in Annapolis and a residence at his plantation, “Dorsey,” in Anne Arundel County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Caleb Dorsey, Gent.* (1683–1742), of Anne Arundel County. MOTHER: *Elinor* (1683–1752), daughter of *Richard Warfield* and wife *Eleanor Brown*. BROTHERS: *Basil* (1705–1763), twin to *Achsah*, who married *Sarah Worthington*; *John* (1708–?), who married *Elizabeth Dorsey*; *Caleb* (1710–?), who married *Priscilla Hill*; *Samuel* (1712–1739), never married; *Richard* (1714–?), who married *Elizabeth Beale*, widow of *William Nicholson*; *Joshua* (1720–1744), never married; and *Thomas Beal* (1727–?), who married *Ann Worthington*. SISTERS: *Achsah* (1705–?), who married first, *Amos Woodward*, and second, *Edward Fatterell*; *Sophia* (1707–?), who married *Thomas Gough*; *Elinor* (1715/16–?), who married first, *Thomas Todd*, and second, *William Lynch*; *Deborah* (1722–?), who married second, *Ely Dorsey*; and *Mary* (1725–ca. 1787), who married *John Ridgely* (?–1771). NEPHEWS: *Harry Dorsey Gough* (ca. 1745–1808); *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790); and *Charles Ridgely, of John* (?–ca. 1787). NIECES: *Achsah Dorsey*, who married *Ephraim Howard* (1745–1788); *Rebecca Dorsey*, who married *Charles Ridgely* (1733–1790); *Eleanor Dorsey*, who mar-